6th November SPANISH PRISONERS AT LARGE

Dn ers Spaniards that have of late been taken on the seas are allowed ordinarily to go up and down at their own liberty but now the Lord Mayor shall inform himself of those that are within and without the City and see them committed to Bridewell, there to be safely kept with the diet of the house and set to work if they be not able to pay for their diet, and especially those lately taken *by* Newport , for it is against reason that any of the King of Spain's subjects should be suffered to enjoy their liberty here seeing the hard usage that is offered to our countrymen

jtb November BARRET'S [c] THEORICK AND PRACTICE OF MODERN WARS '

Mr Robert Barret nath written a book called *The Theorick and practick of modern wars^* discoursed dialogue-wise Herein is declared the neglect of martial discipline and the inconvenience thereof, the imperfection of many training companies and its redress , the fittest weapons for our modern war, and their use, the part of a perfect soldier in general and in particular , the officers in degrees with their several duties, the embattling of men in forms now most in use, with figures and tables to the same , with sundry other martial points, comprehended in six books Yet he would have captains trained by experience and not by book , for your reading captain when lie is come into the field with an hundred men will rank them three and three, but at e~very third rank he must call to his boy, * Holla sirrha, where is zny book ?' And having them all ranked, then marcheth he on fair, and far wider from his soldiers Then cometh he to cast them into a nng, about, about, about,

till he hath inclosed himself in the centre, now there is he puzzled—[c] Holla master, stand still until I have looked in my book ' Addeth to his book a table of the foreign words used by soldiers.

gth November THE EA.RL OF ESSEX ABSENT FROM COURT.

To-day the Queen told my Lord Hunsdon that she much wondered at the absence of the Earl of Essex He pleaded my Lord's want of health, the shooting in his temples upon cold or long speech, and yet his readiness to attend if she should be